



Effie Mae Harrell

October 23, 1939 - February 14, 2022

Effie Mae Harrell, 82, passed away with her family at her side on Monday, February 14, 2022, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Effie was born on October 23, 1939, in Tamms to Howard and Lena (Cox) Wallace. She graduated as Salutatorian from Alexander County Central HS in 1957. She attended SIU Carbondale for a period before moving to Memphis, TN, marrying, and having her first daughter, Kim (Kang) Adams.

She returned to Tamms in 1960 where she married Bill Harrell and had her second daughter, Amy. She worked as a bookkeeper for over 40 years in Cairo before returning to school in 1983. She obtained her Bachelor and Master of Accounting degrees from SIU Carbondale and went on to have a 17-year career working in the Bursar's Office at SIUC.

Effie loved music and animals. She devoted much of her time caring for the many dogs and cats she rescued over the years. She also had a special love for the city of New Orleans after visiting the 9th Ward during rebuilding after Katrina.

Survivors include her husband, Bill; daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Raymond Kang; daughter, Amy; granddaughters, Chelsea and Rachel Kang; stepfather, James Greenley; one nephew, Greg Bennett; and numerous

cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother and sister-in-law, Clifford and Betty Bennett; and one nephew, Howard Bennett.

According to Effie's wishes, a celebration of life will be held by the family later this year.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial contributions be made in Effie's name to St. Francis Community Animal Rescue & Education (stfrancis-care.org) in Murphysboro.

Tribute Wall



“ *Effie Mae Harrell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Bill, Kim, Amy & all the fur babies, we're so sorry for loss of Effie. I'll always cherish the wonderful conversations we had. Effie could talk to anyone about anything for hours. She was so, so proud of her girls and her grandchildren and would loving talk endlessly about their accomplishments.*

Effie was intelligent, hard working, successful accountant and had a great sense of humor. She had the best laugh. She could also drive a car with a manual stick shift better than anyone I know. She was an amazing cousin. Our deepest sympathies for you all.

Love, Ginger, Marius, Maxim & Mitchell

Ginger Stanoiu - September 07, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Lori Smith lit a candle in memory of Effie Mae Harrell*



Lori Smith - February 22, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Bill, we are so sorry for the loss of Effie. She was a great soul with an infectious laugh. Our prayers are with you.*

Suzanne Dillow - February 22, 2022 at 10:20 AM



Such a wonderful loving person--Bill and Joyce Kirkeiner

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